

HCS HB 457 -- CARDIOPULMONARY INSTRUCTION

SPONSOR: Hicks

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in Education by a vote of 9 to 2. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote of 10 to 0.

Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, a student may not receive a certificate of graduation from any public or charter school unless he or she has received 30 minutes of cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction given any time during the student's four years of high school and included in the school district's existing health or physical education curriculum.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the knowledge that students would gain as a result of passing this bill could potentially save lives.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hicks; Lauren Lutz; American Heart Association; David Griffith, American Red Cross; Douglas Randell, St. Louis Fire Dept; and Aaron Grefrath.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.